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1. There are three paratrooper battalions in Bulgaria, one battalion stationed each at Sofia, Stara Zagora and Plovdiv.
2. The present commanding general of the Bulgarian Third Army is General Slavcho Trunski, with headquarters in Shumen. The Third Army has temporarily moved to Sliven for maneuvers.
3. The T-34 armored vehicles in the Bulgarian Army are being replaced with ZIS and GAS vehicles of unknown tonnage. These vehicles are being furnished by the Soviets.
4. There has been a partial mobilization within Bulgaria to the extent that orders have been sent to reserve officers and non-commissioned and reserve tank commanders who are party members in good standing.
5. All railroad bridges and tunnels are presently guarded by small detachments of Militia. The larger bridges and tunnels are guarded by posts of three to four men each. The smaller bridges are either unguarded or patrolled by one or two men patrols.
6. The Kresna pass, near Gara Simitli, is in bad condition and it is difficult for traffic to move through the pass.
7. A month ago two radio station trucks moved into Sveti Vrach (new name Sandanski) and are located on the outskirts of town. Each of the trucks has its own antenna and appear to be in action. They are powered by their own generator which is gasoline-driven and they have not hooked into the local electric circuit. There are two officers and about 15 to 20 men who run these stations. They are from a special company of the Air Force. (See attached rough sketch of the location of the trucks).
8. About three kilometers outside Sveti Vrach on the Pirin road, a special company of the Ministry of the Interior troops have set up camp. They are dressed in Russian uniforms and are equipped with three or four trucks and three motorcycles made by ZIS (Russian). The unit came from Gorna Dzhumaya.

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